

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Frankly, I am deeply offended at this blatant partisan use of the public airwaves in an attempt to skew an American election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If media corporations are allowed to corrupt elections, we will not longer HAVE an actual democracy. The electorate will get only the corporate version of the truth, not unbiased information.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.